

The street car strike in Chicago has been settled and nobody is gaining.

Mr. Al Morrow, stenographer to Gov. Dockery was acquitted of complicity in the naturalization frauds down at St. Louis.

The official Count in Kentucky gives Beckham 26,250 majority over Belknap. If the city of Louisville had done a little better they might just as well made it 40,000.

Everything indicates that the Democrats and the Republicans also in the House of Representatives will find Uncle Joe Cannon the fairest and the firmest speaker the house ever had. When he concludes a thing is right there it will stick.

Representatives of the United States of Columbia are in the country with a proposition from that government to let us have a free hand in the building of the Panama canal free of cost. They are too late. We got it cheaper than a free gift from Columbia would be.

The leaders among the friends of prosecutor Folk met in St. Louis last Saturday and formulated plans for organizing a campaign to secure his nomination by the next democratic convention. Congressman Vandiver of southeast Missouri presided. They had as well save their breath. Did southeast Missouri ever get anything but a lunatic asylum from the party.

The United States has paid out \$86,950,000 for territory purchased from other nations. We purchased outright Louisiana Territory, Florida, Gadsden purchase and Alaska. We paid for Texas, Arizona and the Philippines after having conquered the nation from which they were received. Has any other nation ever so dealt with others. The generosity and fairness of the American people are proverbial.

Our attention has been called to an oversight in an item in our issue of Nov. 19. In the river commission appointed by our county court we mentioned the name of H. Philbrick when we should have said H. Loeb. The item with this correction, need not be rewritten for it will apply to Mr. Loeb as well as the other gentleman. Mr. Loeb is one of the largest tax payers and will see to it that the taxes are not exorbitant or beyond the accomplishment of the work.

True as Holy Writ.

Missouri can never be carried by Republican "leaders" who lie awake of nights thinking of federal patronage.—Globe Democrat.

MISSOURI LEADING.

D. Ward King, not satisfied with having all the roads in Missouri overhauled with his drag, has invaded the good state of Indiana. We wish him even better success than he has had in his own state. They need it more. Here is a notice from the New Albany, (Ind.) Tribune, of his doings in that state:

"D. Ward King, of Maitland, Mo., who has been attending the joint farmers' institute of Orange, Washington and Harrison counties at Hardinsburg, in the interest of the National Good Roads Bureau of Washington, was in the city today on his way to English to attend a farmers' institute."

We commend him to our Indiana friends as a plain, practical man who knows what he is talking about.

Washington Letter.

There is a deadlock on the question of adjournment between the Senate and the House, or rather the House has prevented the Senate from adjourning the extra session, which will now probably be continued until December 7th, when the regular session will begin. The Cuban reciprocity bill was sent to the Senate, and reported favorably and without amendment by the committee on Foreign Relations, but it was agreed to postpone the vote upon it

until December 16th. The House declared that Congress should not adjourn without accomplishing the object for which it was called in extra session, and as neither branch of congress can adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other, the Senate must remain in session. Speaker Cannon's firmness in refusing to accede to the Senate's wish to take a vacation, before the regular session, has caused some surprise, but has the sympathy and support of the President. In order that the House may get down to business, the Speaker declares that he will announce the committee assignments in a few days and not wait until the beginning work of the regular session as he first intended. This will advance the work of the regular session at least a week. Several thousand bills have been introduced in the House and are waiting to be referred to committee. The preliminary sheets of the departments' estimates are arriving for the Committee on Appropriations. The country will no doubt applaud the determination of the House to begin work at once.

In considering the nomination of General Wood, the Senate Committee on Military Affairs has decided to send a sub-committee to Cuba to take testimony regarding the General's administration of the island. The investigation is being carried on with the utmost fairness to General Wood. It is said that the testimony is received as carefully as if he were on trial for his life. The chief charges against him are that he accepted a present from a gambling concern, the Jai Alai, for granting them a ten year's concession in Cuba, that he inspired a magazine article criticizing General Brooks, his superior officer and predecessor as Governor General, and that he influenced the courts to bring about the conviction of Major Rathbone of fraud in the postal service. It is general believed that the nomination will be confirmed by the committee.

The republicans of the Senate have opposed the resolution introduced by Senator Newlands of Nevada inviting Cuba to enter the Union as a state with Porto Rico joined to it as a country. They argued that such an invitation would be looked upon as a command and would expose this country to the charge of breaking faith with Cuba in the declaration made in the Teller resolution, that this country did not intend to annex the island. Not realizing the insignificance of

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the mere introduction of a resolution the Cubans and Porto Ricans are much aroused by Mr. Newlands proposal. President Palma declared that the Cubans did not desire annexation and there is no doubt that he expressed the national opinion, although the Spanish residents and many business interests in the island favor union with the United States. The Porto Ricans expressed disapproval of the suggestion of annexing them to Cuba. No doubt they hope for statehood themselves.

Senators Lodge, Hale and O. H. Platt spoke against the resolution, and it is believed that their purpose was to allay the fears of the South American countries who are suspicious of our actions in Panama. Otherwise the republicans would probably have paid no attention to the resolution. There were several important statements made in the course of the debate. Senator Hale said that he believed those listening to him would see the day when Canada and the United States were united, and Senator Lodge expressed the hope that all the European flags would follow that of Spain back to Europe. He said we had all the political and military power in Cuba which we could desire and that he was opposed to Island States. Senator Platts' opinion of his own amendment, which was made a part of the Cuban constitution, is important. He said, "I think that our relations with Cuba have been misunderstood. I do not think that we are exercising any protectorate over Cuba. I do not think that we have even constituted ourselves the guardian of Cuba and made Cuba our ward." He then quoted the words of McKinley, "We are neighbors; we must be close friends."

Senator Newlands supported his resolution by declaring that Cuba would profit by free trade with this country, and that her financial difficulties would be much lessened if she were a state of the Union. Senator Spooner has announced his intention of speaking on the subject, which will doubtless be much debated.

When the committee on committees announced in the Senate that the chairmanship of the committee on Inter-oceanic canals had been taken from Senator Morgan and given to Senator Hanna, the aged Senator of Alabama rose and delivered an attack on the President which was far more bitter than the recent campaign speeches of Senator Gorman. He charged President Roosevelt with breach of faith in carrying out the wishes of McKinley, with complicity in the Panama revolution, with disobedience of the orders of the Senate and with a selfish ambition to magnify his own Administration.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

LESSON X.—Dec. 6.—B. C. 1015.

SOLOMON'S WISE CHOICE.

Lesson text.—1 Kings 3, 4-15.

(American Revised Version.)

1 And the King went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon the altar. 2 In Gibeon Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said unto him, I shall give thee. 3 And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father, great loving-kindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great loving-kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 4 And now O Jehovah my God, thou hast made thy servant a king instead of David my father; and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. 5 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 6 Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil: for who is able to judge this thy great people? 7 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 8 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast thou asked riches for thyself, nor hast thou asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern justice: 9 I will do according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that

there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. 10 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. 11 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. 12 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream; and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

Library References.—Geddes's Hours with the Bible; vol. III, chap. 15; "First Three Kings of Israel," by Tuck; Barnes Bible Biography, see page 501; Edersheim's Bible History, vol. 5, page 61; "Biblical Cyclopaedia," Edic. page 611; Smith's Bible Dictionary; Whedon's O. T. Commentary, vol. 4.

Biblical Cyclopaedia.

GIBEON.—One of the most important cities belonging to the Hivites, was situated in the territory of Benjamin. It was here the sun stood still while Joshua fought a great battle. It afterwards became a Levitical city. Here Joab was killed while clinging to the horns of the altar.

MOUNT ZION.—Here was the citadel of Jerusalem, or the "Upper City." David stormed and captured. Called the city of David. Here the tomb of David was built. Some times called the "City of the great Kings."

Threads that Connect.

David was fast becoming feeble, and the cause of much anxiety to his people. His troubles however were not over. Adonijah the son of Haggith, set himself up as King which resulted disastrously for him. David seeing trouble ahead, Bethsabea was called into the King's throne room. Where David made to her a promise that Solomon her son should succeed to the throne. Solomon was caused to ride upon the King's mule. The people were glad over the succession of Solomon. Then came the solemn charge to the son. David then slept with his fathers, and the new King was well established on his throne. Adonijah was slain. The new King married a daughter of Pharaoh. "Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David."

Some Nuggets to be Polished.

A YOUNG KING'S THOUGHTS.—The festive days of the sacrifice and gathering at Gibeon were at an end. The young King had seen a great concourse of people, perhaps not as congenially welded together as he might desire. Here were people from all parts of the country. The new people from the conquests were not as yet consolidated so as to make them one nation. What havoc a false step might make. Twas true that Israel's history was one continual story of miraculous things, where Jehovah had constantly interposed to keep Israel correct in life as a people. He saw his need of divine help if he was to succeed with these thoughts in his mind he laid down to rest, and there came to him a startling vision.

AN OFFER FROM THE ALMIGHTY.—"Ask what I shall give thee." What a vision this offer opens up. We cannot help but remember that the from whom this offer came, was able to care for Jacob when the famine came. That he was able to break the bonds of the oppressed in Egypt. To remove the red sea from its bed where for centuries it had lain, that Israel might pass through it; that caused the walls of Jericho to fall down; to whom belonged the gold and silver, and the cattle on a thousand hills; who holdeth the winds of heaven and the courses of the stars in his hand, who had established his father on the throne. What should he request? The same God comes to you, dear reader, and makes the same offer to you. WHAT WILL YOU ASK? Remembering, "Ask and it shall be given you." You are called to a special place in life, ask that you may receive wisdom that guides safely over the shoals of life.

THE KING'S CHOICE.—"An understanding heart." The marginal reading renders it "a hearing heart." God is always speaking, have you not heard him? Who can successfully travel life's way and ignore the almighty voice? Here was a young king full of enthusiasm and keenly feeling the responsibility of the position he was occupying. How much we need help to bring us thro the problems of every day life. Let us not lose sight of the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Every one of our stations in life are great and bring with them great responsibilities, so let us choose wisely.

THE ANSWER OF GOD.—How broad is the wisdom that God gives us. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" says the good book. The Lord was made glad by his answer, and he gave to Solomon more than he asked.

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